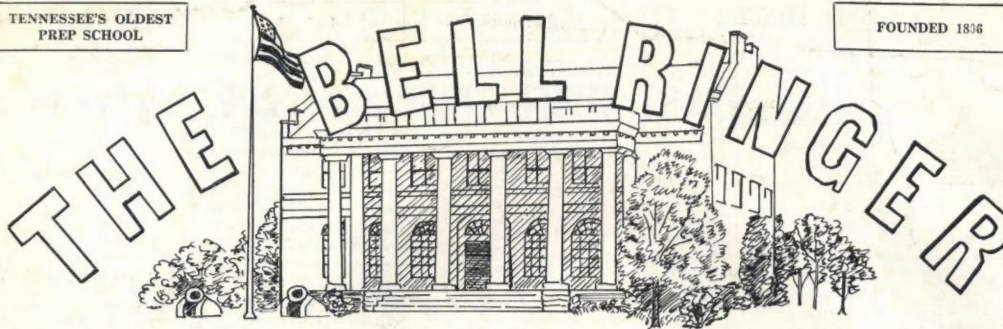


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RESULTS OF COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING POLL

Nearly two out of every three American high school boys and girls favor compulsory military training. More than 65% of the girls and 66% of the boys voted in favor of the general principle of compulsory military training, according to the latest Institute of Student Opinion poll sponsored by Scholastic Magazines.

The recent vote shows a decided upswing in favor of compulsory military training during the past two years. In an Institute of Student Opinion poll, conducted in March, 1952, only 54% of the teen-agers polled were in favor of compulsory military training. The latest poll even exceeds the favorable vote in 1948 when 63% of the boys and girls polled were in favor of military training. During World War II, students were much less enthusiastic about compulsory military training. In 1943 students were asked: Are you in favor of a year's compulsory military service by 17 to 21-year-old boys after the war? In 1943 less than 35% of the students polled were in favor of it; this percentage rose to 46% in 1944.

Although 1954 high school students endorse the principle of compulsory military training, they do not like the recently proposed plan for carrying out the military-training program. Only 37% of the boys and 38% of the girls approved of the plan with its lottery feature as recommended by the National Security Training Commission. More than 54% of the boys and 50% of the girls disapproved of a plan which would require all boys to train for six months and then spend seven and one-half years in the in the Ready Reserve.

Both boys and girls showed more interest in a military training program calling for two years of training without the Ready-Reserve period of uncertainty which might make career planning more difficult. Nearly 42% of the boys and 41% of the girls favored such a program, the recent poll indicated.

Typical comments by some individual students:

"Military training is a must; 1941 proved conclusively that we must be ready in emergencies."

"Is it right for a draw (or a

MEMBERS OF THE FREEDOM FORUM



Left to Right: Rob Lightfoot, Steve Wood, John Sloan, John Hardcastle, and Seawell Brandau.

lottery), such as that proposed by the National Training Commission, to decide a question which might greatly affect a person's entire life? Would it not be unfair to draft one prospective college student into the army while his classmate, drawing the six-month training plan, could complete his education earlier?"

"I do not like the Ready Reserve plan because boys cannot start out on any career for fear that a call to military service will interrupt."

"I'd rather serve two years active duty and be in the Stand-by Reserve for six years (than be in the Ready Reserve)."

Another question on the recent poll ballot measured high school student opinion on whether girls should prepare for careers other than homemaking. More than 90% of the girls approved and nearly 70% of the boys agreed with the girls approving.

Staff members of several hundred high school newspapers, members of the Institute of Student Opinion, assisted Scholastic Magazines by sampling the opinion of students in all sections of the United States; 46,399 students voted on printed ballots.

Most of the M.B.A. boys favored the general principle of compulsory military training; however, most did not like the present plan. They preferred the plan of two years of active duty followed by six years in the Stand-by Reserve. Almost all of them thought that girls should prepare for a career other than homemaking.

FREEDOM FORUM SPEAKS AT VARIOUS PLACES

During the past two years, the Freedom Forum has spoken at fifteen high schools in Nashville and Davidson County, and eight business organizations including men's church groups. The five seniors who compose the Freedom Forum are Rob Lightfoot, John Hardcastle, Steve Wood, Seawell Brandau, and John Sloan. Mrs. Campbell, our speech teacher and librarian, is their coach.

The Freedom Forum was founded by the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. Recently our team was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedom Foundation.

The purpose of the Freedom Forum is to promote the American way of life and to attack communism and socialism.

This year the Freedom Forum has spoken at Hillsboro and Peabody.

The student body of M.B.A. is very proud of the success of the Freedom Forum and the fine speakers who compose it.

WEST'S TROPHIES RECOVERED

On Thursday, April 1, three children, Mary Frances Parsons, Harriet Chandler, and Mary Catherine Chandler found West's State Championship basketball trophies in a field. To this date the thief has not been found; the authorities, however, have not given up the search for him.

BRANDAU AND PFEIFFER WIN SCHOLASTIC HONORS

It was announced not long ago that Seawell Brandau would be the valedictorian of the senior class at graduation. Seawell, who has worked very hard during his four years of high school, won the top honor with a brilliant 96.43 average. From the day he entered the Academy, Seawell has been at the top of his class. It then came as no surprise that he should lead the graduating class in June.

Bill Pfeiffer was announced at the same time as the salutatorian of the class. He ran a close second to Seawell with a final 95.71 for his four years at M.B.A. Bill came to M.B.A. in the seventh grade and after six years of hard work wound up in the number two spot among other hard working seniors.

These boys are setting a good example for other M.B.A. students to follow. Congratulations to both of them for their fine work during their four years of high school.

LIGHTFOOT WINS IN SPEAKING CONTEST

On Friday, March 26, Rob Lightfoot won first place in the declamation division of the Tennessee Interscholastic Literary League at Austin-Peay State College in Clarksville. He will represent M.B.A. in the state meeting at the university of Tennessee in Knoxville later this spring.

In addition to Rob, eleven other

IAN STUART SPEAKS IN ASSEMBLY

During the first week of March, Mr. Ian Stuart spoke to us on "America, Its Hopes and Destinies".

Born an Irishman, Mr. Stuart has taught in schools all over the British Isles. Later he immigrated to America and now calls the Southland his home.

Mr. Stuart is quite an interesting speaker and his free and unselfish manner quickly won over our student body. He has made talks throughout the South and Midwest, and is very well-known over this region. During the week preceding his visit with us he had spoken in nearly all the high schools of Nashville and in a few Junior High schools, and Elementary schools.

His thoughts on the future and heritage of our country were reassuring and inspiring. Many of us had never thought of our country's wealth in proportion to many of the world's greatest nations. Never will we, as Americans, have to fear famine or starvation; for with our present annual surpluses and an ever increasing technical ability, we will be able to support a much greater population than we now have. As long as we keep up our faith in God, our mental abilities, and the national pride of our forefathers of 1776 and 1861, we will never be conquered by foreign powers.

We, as Americans have a great heritage of liberties conferred on us by our hearty ancestors who built this land. Too often we take this wealth and these liberties for granted.

In Mr. Stuart's own words, "The future of this country lies not with the Democratic or Republican parties, but with the youth of America!"

boys went from M.B.A. On the debating team were John Hardcastle, Andy Coles, Eddie Holt, and Ed Blank. This team won three out of six rounds. In the humorous division, Harry Lawson won second place with John Sloan winning third place in the extemporaneous group. Rob won in the declamation division. Others entered in the contests were Seawell Brandau, original oratory, Dick Sobel, dramatic reading, and Jimmy Rule, poetry interpretation.

M.B.A. made a fine showing in Clarksville. We would like to extend our wishes of good luck to Rob in the State meet.

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Sophomore News

Well, here I am back with a little more news on the sophomore class. These are some of the nicknames of the sophomore class; see if you can figure them out.

Slate
Wessel
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Handy Andy
Rocky
Slim John
Skin Babe
Siamese Sam
Fangs
Goose
Beaver
Bulldog

These are just some of the many you pass every day.

Pouring over their books these last few days were Steve George, John McDougall, Thurman McLean, Ralph Owen, Jim Perry, John Provine, and Eddie White.

Over the Easter holidays all will rest up for the home stretch. The so called rest will include fishing, sailboating, parties, etc.

See you at Stunt Night.

Junior News

Well I hope all you junior men are enjoying this fine spring weather. Mr. Rule doesn't seem to think the weather is so good, for the other day, he told his study hall that they would have to go to the cafeteria when five bells rang, meaning that a tornado would hit us. It didn't come, though. Everybody was disappointed because the school didn't blow down. . . . Goodman blows his head off in chemistry lab. Mr. Winstead says, "Aw, you aren't hurt, pick up your head and put it back on." . . . Junior debating stars, Edward Blank, Eddie Holt and Andy Coles made a trip to Clarkdale to represent M.B.A. in a contest held there. Even though they lost, we give our thanks to these speakers for the fine job they did in representing our school in the contest.

Chemistry projects due in immediately, if not sooner, says Mr. Winstead. Physics class has none; Chemistry class has about 10. Real cooperation, I'd say. The ones that are in are very good, and will try to make a showing at Peabody. . . . Steakly stars in intramural basketball, (26 points. . . . Mrs. Sager stops letting Spanish students write words in book, Spanish grades drop. . . . Here's a list of some Junior nicknames: See if you can match them to the right person. . . .

Popo, Vege, Soup, Chuck, Cow, Nothing, Flea, Termitte, Eli, Dago, Rummy, Potato Nose, Cho-cho Kidde, Hoppy, Sister, The Head, Hanky, Bloop, Papa Snake, Conon-Dog, Livy, Permalube, Hawk, Right Angle, Yama-Moto Foggy, Nubbins, Moocher, Mule, Con-cave Kiddie, and Onion. . . . That's all for now—See you next issue.

Senior News

Greetings cherubs, this is your old uncle "Montana" back with a little more dope on the dopes. Scholastically, we are doing about as well as can be expected of normal blueblooded boys; some of us are making good grades, and then there is the majority. The senior English class is soon to begin reading that famous historical novel, *The Return of the Swallow*, by Barry Barff. Thomson brings a still to school for his Physics project; senior meeting in Mr. Winstead's room at the last half of the lunch period. . . . Jimmy Martin stars in *Congo Lovers* with Saboo Sue. . . . Paget attacked in bed by grave robbers. . . . Senior class project to buy a new pair of shoes for Boyd. . . . Charlie Heath, northern candy magnate, is lavishly entertained by local social set. . . . Whole school turns out to watch as Frank Buck restocks school moat with alligators. . . . Lineberger and Rolfe officially join the faculty. . . . Boob finally masters his barbells and starts lifting his car. . . . Pfeiffer to marry in late spring. . . . McCarthy probe reaches school library. . . . Voss entertains Arabian house guest named Hassan Ben Sober. . . . Recent quote by "Reno" Reuther, "When I have a stomach ache I hurt all over." . . . That's all for now; I hate to go but I really should study.

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Bottom of the Afternoon



By Blue La Rue

Hello again from your friend, Blue LaRue. A group of the Seniors skipped school during lunch; Dr. Sager is asked if he had a holiday. Senior room fails; Seniors still looking for a project. . . . Lightfoot makes 68 daily averages in Physics, comes up with 96 on report card. How does he do it? . . . Mr. Wise tells how he was almost mobbed in his greenhorn teaching days; Juniors mob Mr. Wise. . . . Mr. Winstead sets up P.A. system in lab; Hardcastle gives oration. . . . Lunch-room boys sell milk to privileged boys; Mrs. Thomson calls police. . . . Looks like everyone is trying to imitate Dr. Sager as fraternities initiate freshmen. . . . Jimmy Rule interrupts Trig. class as he asks Mr. Rule for the car. Reuther exclaims, "Let him, Mr. Rule, I want to hear him scratch". . . . Hardcastle's grades drop as he leaves school every Monday to go to court. . . . Wood gets pinned again; makes third time this month. . . . Craig sets paper on fire in Trig. class, then moves. Says Craig, "I was just trying to get away from the smoke". . . . Holt says that blue shirts are the fashion now, but Strayhorn argues that green shirts are better. . . . there is a last minute rush as Mr. Winstead says he wants the projects on immediately if not sooner. . . . Last period English class flunks as Mrs. Bitzer gives a different test. . . . A. Coles has a wreck and takes a holiday from school. . . . Riot is started by Goodman, Cooney, Allen, and Overall for they are kicked off the privilege list for three weeks. Goodman says, "He can't do this to me". . . . As far as we know, for the first time in history Mrs. B. gave an English test and didn't take grades. Some typical grades: Anderson—18; Wood—42; Woodfin—55. . . . So long for now; see you in several decades when the next issue comes out.

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CLASS NEWS

Grade School News

We are told that the privileged boys have been hanging around in the Spanish room telling jokes instead of studying. People involved in this are Provine, White, Hamilton, and Edmonds.

"Big Pockets" Hamilton has been giving cokes to the writers of this column. Wonder why?

Dozier is helping Muse pass with regular meetings in the lunch room. White looks on with interest.

Eighth grade room becomes house of horror as Mrs. Thompson asks for mystery themes. McClellan reads his story. Class drops dead.

New fad in seventh grade is girls. New fad in eighth grade is seventh grade's girls. Muse claims he doesn't need to rob the seventh grade.

Crowell throws a fit as Turner beats him in arithmetic class.

West learns how to drive. Goes through red light.

Collins shoots bird on campus. Fined five demerits.

Hamilton scribbled "Hell and High Water" on arithmetic paper. Mrs. Thompson seen at show. Hamilton seen in demerit hall.

Eighth grade basketball team beats seventh grade 36 to 26. Leading scorers were Steinbaugh with 11 and Johnson with 7.

Boys on the privileged list are Kent Hamilton, Robert White, David Waller, Will Provine, Johnny Muse, Roger Peek, Jimmy Hayes, Willo Collins, Tony Edmonds, Warner Bass, Frankie Crowell, Bullets Gillespie, Tom Stephens, Guy McClellan and Tom Sloan.

This column is not approved by Good Housekeeping.

Freshmen News

Well, spring is here and everyone has started gazing out the windows once more. The buds are coming out on the trees and the flowers bloom once again. Spring is the time for love, and Jodie Wallace and Jimmy Thurman aren't letting the season pass without making use of it.

A few other things are blossoming around the freshman class, too. For instance, that superb giant of flowers The Brainy Petaled Pupil, examples: Brad Reed, Emmett Dozier, Wade Eiam, Ransom White, and James Wood. Another beautiful member of the flora family is Waxed Sphere Omanis. This beautiful flower comes in many varieties, the most common are Flora Sloanorum, Flora Omanis, Elama Nigra, and Pilla Alba Reedium.

While delving into the secrets of that dead language Latin, McDougall makes a startling discovery, "It ain't easy!"

What was it Hoffer called the softball he couldn't catch?

English isn't dead, but its got some of the freshman wishing they were.

Science projects had some of us worried for a while, but they are still bothering the ones that got the failing grades.

Boyer "The Nose" Cheshire would have a fine time if he was an Eskimo.

Mr. Wise, how would you make a graph of the equation Burch and other people's projects—loud crash?

To those odd ones that don't know what an avis is, it's a bird. Kidding aside for the moment, we hope the police catch the people that took West's trophies before the West students do.

— S P O R T S —

BIG RED WINS FIRST TRACK MEET



M.B.A. STOPS HILLSBORO'S STREAK

The unpredictable M.B.A. Maroons stopped the hope of going to the State Tournament for Hillsboro and also ended their 23-game winning streak, 37 to 48 in the quarter finals of the Regional Tournament. The victory over one of our biggest rivals was due in part to the blistering percentages. The Big Red hit 84% of the free throws awarded to them and 37% from the field. The high man for M.B.A. was all-district Dickie Anderson with 25 points. Dick went on to win a spot on the All-Regional team. Whit Watson was second with 12. Bobby Hatcher was tops for Hillsboro, scored 14.

Carlin Rolfe did an excellent job on big Hatcher, especially in taking off rebounds. Other standouts on defense were Johnny Craig and Tom Frist. Craig, one of M.B.A.'s flashy players, was exceedingly helpful in clearing the boards with Rolfe and in stealing the ball.

The team proved what Coach Owen had said in Assembly. "The only reason Hillsboro has a 23-game winning streak is that they have not played us yet this season."

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WOODLAWN CRUSHES M.B.A.

Woodlawn's Bulldogs put on one of the most miraculous shooting exhibitions ever seen in Nashville in beating upset-minded M.B.A. Lonzo Gibbs, Stanley Ladd and company hit 69% of their shots in the second Quarter to run out with a 41-23 half time lead. After the Maroon's superb performance against Hillsboro they could not find the range in the first half. Led by John Craig, who hit jump one-handers, hooks, and almost everything, the Maroons came to within seven points of the big Woodlawn team. Craig played an outstanding game as he scored 21 points in less than three quarters. Dick Anderson, M.B.A.'s representative on the All-Regional V team, played his usual fine game along with Carlin Rolfe, our most outstanding rebounder.

The Big Red closed the season with a 20-5 record. They beat such outstanding midstate teams as Cookeville, Regional VI champions, Central, East, and Hillsboro, N.I.L. champs. They also were defeated by West, state champs, by only two points in the district finals.

Even though they lose Dick Anderson, Carlin Rolfe, John Craig, Jim Martin, Bobby Calton, and Turner Williams, the prospects for next year are very good —Whit Watson and Tommy Frist will make up the nucleus of next year's team along with members of the once-beaten B-team.

HARRELL LEADS INTRAMURALS

Captain Jim Harrell's basketball team, composed of Joe Lucky, John Dobson, Norman Minick, Seawell Brandau, John Barksdale, and Edward Blank (in the finals of the Junior-Senior division) defeated Billy Pfeiffer's team 51-27. Joe Lucky, a forward, was the high scorer with sixteen points. Harrell was second with eleven points. As for the runner-up, Captain Pfeiffer was high scorer with nine points, closely followed by Richard Cummings and Donald Goodman with eight.

As for the Freshman-Sophomore division of the tournaments, Thurman McLean's team defeated Billy Morehead's team 51-27. McLean's team was composed of Emmett Dozier, Robin Beard, Gene Shelton, and Ed Herbert. High scorer on McLean's team was Dozier with 16 followed by Beard with 14. On the runner-up team, Morehead was high scorer with 8 points.

The intramural basketball tournaments went over very well this year under the direction of Robert McNeilly. The tournaments give boys who haven't played Varsity or J.V. basketball a chance to play competitive basketball. We are proud of the success of these tournaments and the support given to them.

SPRING SPORTS START

This year M.B.A. boys will participate in four spring sports. These sports are tennis, baseball, track, and golf. The Maroons should be strong in tennis and golf and baseball should show improvement. This is the first year that M.B.A. is having a track team and many boys have entered into this sport.

Tennis will probably be the top sport at M.B.A. this spring. The Maroon team will be strong down the line through the number six man. The top six will probably include the following: Hayes Cooney, E. Gray Smith, Mack Brothers, John Craig, Dick Anderson, and Glenn Brooks. Mr. Rule, who will handle the coaching job, has planned a trip to Chattanooga in the middle of May. If M.B.A. wins the N.I.L. championship this year, it will be the tenth year.

The baseball team will be coached by Assistant Coach Robert McNeilly. Carlin Rolfe, Jimmy Martin, and others will fill out the team and as the year goes on the team should show improvement. As baseball is an interesting spectator sport, the team should be supported very well by the student body.

Track will be handled by Coach Tommy Owen. The various events are: the 100-yard dash, the 220, 440, 880, and mile runs, the mile relay, the shot-put, the discus throw, and the high and broad jumps. So far it is a little early to determine who will make the team but Don Chickley, Henry Hurt, and Jack Herbert have shown talent.

The golf team this year will be coached by Dr. R. L. Sager. The team has enough talent to win the N.I.L. championship. There will be a real fight for number one through four position. Chalfant, Kennedy, Calton, Eyster, McDaniels, Williams, and Barksdale are real contenders.

M.B.A. WINS FIRST TRACK MEET

On Thursday afternoon M.B.A. entered its first track meet with Du Pont, Lipscomb, Cumberland, and Antioch. The final score is as follows: M.B.A. 60, Du Pont 45, Lipscomb 25, Cumberland 14 and Antioch 6. The following M.B.A. boys placed: 100 yard dash—Fennell and Chickley; 220 yard—Hunter and Thurman; 440 yard—Strayhorn and McDaniel; Mile run—Harmon; Low Hurdles—Gardner; High Hurdles—Hurt; Shot put—Brothers and Hurt; Discus—Scales and Marshall; High jump—Hurt and Harrell; Broad jump—Hurt; 880 yard relay—Gardner, Minick, Chickley, and Fennell; Mile relay—Thompson, Minick, Hunter, Thurman. The Bell Ringer staff wishes to congratulate the track team for its fine showing.

H-I-Y BASKETBALL TEAM HAS FINE SEASON

The H-I-Y basketball team had a fine season this year. After dropping the first tilt to East High, it racked up 5 straight victories. The team composed of Jim Harrell, Bill Pfeiffer, David Herbert, Mack Brothers, John Teas with John McIntosh, Seawell Brandau, Barry Padgett, Meadors, Bobby Lineberger, and Robbins as capable reserves, rolled over such teams as Goodlettsville, Hillsboro, Howard and Litton. Although East won the City tournament, M.B.A. was picked to represent Nashville in the State tournament.

At 12:30 on Saturday, March 20th, M.B.A. met a strong Chattanooga team in the first round. With Jim Harrell and Bill Pfeiffer dumping in 27 and 24 points respectively, M.B.A. came out on top, 66 to 44. Then at 6:30 that night M.B.A. met the East Nashville branch team. Although M.B.A. had played once, and East had not had to play due to default, the game was very close. But at the end, the East team finally pulled ahead and the tired Maroon team didn't have the guns to catch up. M.B.A. wound up on the losing end, 54 to 41. Harrell again led the way for M.B.A. with 15 points, and Bill Pfeiffer had 10. The team also received a trophy for the best team in the city, since East's team players were overage. At the conclusion of the State finals, Jim Harrell and Bill Pfeiffer were selected on the All-State basketball team.

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Personalities of the Month



L. to R.: Bob Scales, Duke Kennedy, Dick Scales.

Bob Scales

After graduating from Woodmont School, Bob Scales came to M.B.A. as a freshman. He has entered into many activities and maintained a high scholastic average since then.

During his freshman and sophomore years, Bob played on the J.V. football team. Since his junior year he has been on the tennis team every spring and fall. This year he played Hi-Y basketball until he sprained his ankle. Also this year he is going out for the track team.

Bob is a member of the Key Club and the Hi-Y Club. Because his scholarship is very good, he is a member of the National Honor Society. Also he is a member of The Bell Ringer staff, for which he writes "Bottom of the Afternoon".

Bob is a member of the Kappa Phi Fraternity, and one who is ready and willing to help when he can.

At St. George's Episcopal Church, Bob serves as treasurer of the League and is a member of the Acolytes Guild.

Next fall Bob plans to enter Vanderbilt and, because mathematics is his favorite subject, he will study engineering. Bob was one of the eight seniors chosen to take the Founder's Scholarship exam.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite subject: Math
Favorite food: Steak
Disliked subject: History

Duke Kennedy

Duke, one of the most popular boys on the campus, came to M.B.A. as a freshman from Stokes school. During his Sophomore year, he attended Hillsboro High but the next year he returned to M.B.A.

His activities have been varied. He played on the golf team during his freshman and junior years, and he plans to play this year. This past season he managed the football team. He has also served on the Bell Ringer staff for the past two years. On The Bell staff, Duke writes as assistant sports editor. He is a member of the Monogram Club, having lettered in golf. In addition he is captain of one of the intramural cage teams.

Duke is a member of the Delta Sigma Fraternity, which he serves as Sentinel.

Duke is a friend to every boy in school, and his warm smile and cheerful disposition are well known.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite Food: Nick's spaghetti
Disliked Subject: Math
Favorite Subject: History

Dick Scales

The Bell Ringer staff has selected Dick Scales as one of its personalities this month. Last year he was chosen to be assistant editor of this paper, and is editor-in-chief this year. He has greatly improved the paper by putting out five-column papers instead of four-column ones, and changing the masthead. We certainly think that he has done a fine job in this department.

Dick came to M.B.A. from Woodmont as a freshman and has had an outstanding record since. During his freshman and sophomore years, he played J.V. football. He has been a member of the Key Club for three years and the Hi-Y Club for two. He stands very high scholastically in the school, and is a member of the Senior Honor Society. Recently he was elected to be a reporter for the Youth In Government Convention, sponsored by the Tennessee Hi-Y clubs.

Dick is a member of the Kappa Phi Fraternity, and is a very hard worker.

He plans to enter Vanderbilt University next fall, and he will study engineering.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite subject—Math
Favorite food—Fried chicken
Disliked subject—Spanish

Girl of the Month



Nancy Bowers

This month "The Bell Ringer" honors as its "Girl of the Month" Miss Nancy Bowers. Nan is a 17 year old junior at Hillsboro where she has made an outstanding record. She graduated from Stokes School and began her freshman year at Hillsboro. Her first honor was her being elected treasurer of her freshman class and since then she has been treasurer of her freshman home room, secretary of her sophomore home room, president of her junior home room, a member of the Civinette club, a member of the Student Council, and an alternate cheerleader. Upon entering high school she pledged membership in the Les Bons Temps club and has proven a very active member. She attends church at the Hillsboro Church of Christ.

It is indeed an honor for "The Bell Ringer" to have such a fine girl as Nan Bowers as its "Girl of the Month."

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VANDALISM INCREASING IN NASHVILLE

Vandalism has been increasing steadily in Nashville since last January. The latest case is the stealing of the three trophies won by the West End high school basketball team in the hard-fought state tournament. Other vandal acts are as follows: The firecracker-like aerial bomb that was tossed into the front yard of former Mayor Thomas L. Cummings at 204 Mockingbird Lane. Brakes released on six parked automobiles in the Hillsboro section, allowing the vehicles to roll, causing a great deal of damage.

Delinquency is caused by three factors, according to H. C. Brearly, Peabody college sociologist; immaturity of individuals, magnified and stimulated in group action, and the notoriety of success. Mr. Brearly thinks that the acts of vandalism are being performed by teenagers in that "crucial period of being almost—but not quite—men and women.

Studies of delinquency conducted at Harvard University show:

Six out of every ten juvenile delinquents have fathers who drink to excess.

Many have mothers who drink to excess.

Three out of four are permitted by parents to come and go as they please.

Three out of five are from homes where there is discord between parents.

Seven out of ten are from homes where there is no group or family recreation.

Four out of five have parents who take no interest in the children's friends.

Four out of five delinquent boys say their mothers were indifferent to them.

Three out of five delinquent boys say their fathers were indifferent to them.

Many come from broken families.

Few get religious training of any kind.

Since there has been so much vandalism in Nashville, it is time for the law to go after these hoodlums with the same ruthlessness that they themselves employ.

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